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REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-12 remain pending. Claim 9 is amended to include a period. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 2 and 13-20 are cancelled. No new matter is believed to be introduced by the above amendment.

At the outset, Applicants thank Examiner Elkins for his helpful comments within the outstanding Office Action to overcome the outstanding rejections. Moreover, Applicants thank Examiner Elkins for indicating that Claims 1 and 3-12 are allowed.


In the interest of efficient prosecution, Applicants have cancelled Claims 2 and 13-20 so that the present application may pass to grant. Applicants make no comment as to the merit of the rejections under 35 USC sections 112, 102 and/or 103 and reserve the right to file a Continuation/Divisional Application to pursue this subject matter at a later date.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested. Should anything further be required to place this application in

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condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the below-signed by telephone.

Please charge the amount of \$00.00 required for any request for extension of time to our Deposit Account No. 09-0525. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 09-0525. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time.

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